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1. The headquarters of the Northeast Korean People's Liberation Army (NEKPLA), formerly known as the Korean Volunteer Army, is at Yenchi (129-31, 42-55). Its total strength is approximately 200,000 men.
2. The units in the NEKPLA in Manchuria, their commanding officers, locations and approximate strength are as follows:

<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Commanding Officer</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Number of Troops</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Korean Communist Reserve Force	Unknown	Harbin and Chi-mussu (130-21, 46-49)	10,000	
Peace Preservation Corps 1st, 2nd and 3rd Regiments	Unknown	Antung	6,000	
Lung Shan (龍山) Column	YI Man-sung (李晚承)	Chian (126-10, 41-07)	20,000	Participated in Chinese Communist Fifth Offensive.
1st Peace Preservation Brigade.	HSIAO Ch'un-sheng (蕭春生) (Chinese?)	Yenchi (129-31, 42-55)	5,000	
2nd Peace Preservation Brigade	CHAO Kuo-fan (趙國藩) (? Chinese?)	Yenchi	5,000	

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Unit Designation	Commanding Officer	Location	Number of Troops	Remarks
LI Hong-kwang (李紅光) Detachment	WANG Tzu-jen (王子仁) (Korean name: WANG Ja-in)	Southeast of Tieh-ling (123-51,42-18); Chaihopu (124-11,42-17)	5,000	Participated in the Chinese Communist Fifth Offensive, Sixth Offensive, in September, October 1947 and the Seventh Offensive in December 1947.
YANG Ch'ong-u (楊靖宇) Detachment (Also known as Korean Independent 2nd Division	YU Tong-won (劉東元)	Vicinity of Liaoyang (123-12,41-16)	5,000	Participated in the Chinese Communist Fifth and Seventh Offensives.
7th Detachment	YI Tae-song (李大成)	Antung (124-23, 40-09)	4,000	Participated in the Chinese Communist Fifth offensive.
Independent 6th Division	Unknown	Yenchi	5,000	
1st Korean Independent Division	Unknown	North I-t'ung (125-18,43-21)	4,000	Participated in the Chinese Communist Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Offensives.
Liaonan (遼南) (South Liaoning) Detachment	Unknown	Holankou (123-25,40-59)	5,000	Will possibly be re-organized into Independent First Division of Liaotung (East Liaoning) Military District.
Ch'ang Pai (長白) Column	PAK Hyo-sam (朴孝三)	Mengchiang (126-48,42-23) area.	16,000	
Sino-Korean Mixed Unit	T'ANG K'ai (唐凱) (? Chinese ?)	Huatien (126-45, 42-58)	10,000	There is an undetermined small number of Chinese Communist troops in this unit.
2nd Column	YI Mun-pin (李大斌)	Ant'u (128-22, 42-34) area.	10,000	
3rd Column	KIM Ch'i-chung (金致中)	Shulan (126-48, 44-21) area.	10,000	
5th Column	CH'OK Yong-ch'on (崔龍泉)	Omn (128-08, 43-45) area.	10,000	
Sino-Korean mixed Artillery Brigade	Unknown	Southeast of Hsian (125-07,42-54)	3,000	
Unknown	Unknown	Tunghua (125-57, 41-43)	8,000	
Unknown	Unknown	Harbin	10,000	
Chinese Communist 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 10th Columns (containing some Korean troops).			24,000 (Korean troops)	Only the Korean troops in these columns are considered part of the NKPLA.

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Sino-Korean Mixed Column	KIM Ch'ae (C-5)* (金策)	Northeast of Hsian (125-09, 42-54)	10,000	Has Soviet equipment; participated in the Chinese Communist Fifth Offensive in May and June 1947. Included among the 10,000 troops is an undetermined number of Chinese Communist troops.
17th Column	KANG Sin-t'ae (C-5)* (姜信泰)	Lungching (129-26, 42-47); Huining (129- 45, 42-26); Funing (129- 42, 42-03)	15,000	Participated in the Chinese Communist Fifth Offensive.

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Comment. KIM Ch'ae and KANG Sin-t'ae, also known as KANG Kun, have held important positions in North Korea throughout the past year. The former is the vice-chairman of the North Korean People's Committee; the latter is reported to be the present chief-of-staff of the People's Army.)

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3. In the latter part of February 1948, approximately 50,000 (?) troops of the NEKPLA moved from the Tunghua (125-57, 41-43) area towards Kuantien (124-46, 40-44) and Fengcheng (124-05, 40-28) via Huanjen (125-25, 41-16), possibly to participate in any future Chinese Communist attacks on the Mukden perimeter. At the same time Korean troops from the Yenchi and Tumen (122-50, 42-55) areas moved to the Pansih (126-03, 42-56), Huanien (126-45, 42-58), Hailung (125-49, 42-39) and Tungfeng (125-31, 42-41) areas.
4. In the latter part of February, the LI Hong-kwang Detachment of the NEKPLA had a total strength of 35,000 (?) men. All the troops were equipped with Japanese M-38 rifles and each company had ten trench mortars.

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